

# FRIENDS OF AMERICAN WRITERS

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## RESERVATIONS

*Call:*

**Pat Adelberg** (847) 588-0911 or  
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Luncheon program reservations are due no later than 6:00 pm the Sunday before the event.

All reservation requests must be placed through Pat or Peggy. Special meal requests must also be made at this time. For group seating, have just one person call to arrange the reservation. Every effort will be made to honor your requests.

Please! No moving chairs and table settings around at the luncheon.

## FAW APRIL & MAY MEETINGS CANCELLED

It is with regret that we have decided to cancel the April and May luncheons. The pandemic that is facing our country and our world cannot be ignored nor taken lightly. For the safety of all of us, we will be meeting again September 18th which will be a Friday and our Awards Luncheon. We will start a new year with our wonderful authors who are always so appreciative and fun. Let us refrain from pessimism and look forward to our meeting again. In the meantime, stay healthy and safe and. Best wishes to everyone. ~ Christine Spatara, FAW President

Remember to clean your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands and distance yourself from other people.

## May Awards Luncheon

The FAW Literature Awards Luncheon has been rescheduled for Friday September 18, 2020. Mark your calendar and reserve this date to celebrate our award-winning authors.

Many thanks to our Literary Committees for reading, reading, reading to select our winning authors for this year. Watch for the winning announcements soon.

If you have not yet contributed to the Literary Awards, please be generous and think about contributing. We will still be announcing our Literary Award winners for this year and will be sending out award prizes. Contribute to the FAW Patrons Fund through the FAW website at:

[http://fawchicago.org/donate/donate\\_patrons.php](http://fawchicago.org/donate/donate_patrons.php)

## Announcements

Looking ahead at the calendar for the next FAW meeting year, these are the tentative meeting dates. 9/18/2020, 10/21/2020, 11/11/2020, 12/9/2020 and 1/13/2021, 2/10/2021, 3/10/2021, 4/14/2021 and 5/07/2021.

The FAW Board will meet on June 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM to discuss the upcoming year.

Next year we will be looking for candidates to fill the FAW board positions of Membership, Program Chair and Vice President. We have a nominating committee in place which will meet in September—Patricia Schneider, Diana Adams, and Dale Davison from the board and Susan Bennet and Marti Daniels from the membership at large. Participation on the FAW board is easy and fulfilling. Please consider expressing your interest in filling one of these positions. Our current VP, Tammie Bob will step up to FAW President position next year and Karen Baker will be sending out the Newsletter. For those members that receive the newsletter by email, make sure the email address of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ does not go to your junk or spam folder.

We are looking forward to another great year of meetings.

### On the upside of being housebound

Time to read! Bring on the books! Remove those jigsaw puzzles from the closet and get to work. Relearn Solitaire, Dominos or test your brain with crossword puzzles, sudoku and word scrambles. Breath deep, relax and meditate. Take some nice naps. Let your imagination go and make something creative with yarn, scraps of fabric, paint, clay or just doodle. As the weather improves, take walks. Order grocery delivery or food delivery. Call friends and talk! Sing or make some music. Take an on-line course. Check with your library to see if they offer curbside pickup of materials or will send them by mail.

### Books list for – I might be having a bad day.

*A Man Jumps Out of an Airplane* - Barry Yourgrau  
*When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times* - Pema Chödrön  
*The Silent Patient* - Alex Michaelides  
*Facing Unpleasant Facts: Narrative Essays* - George Orwell  
*Our House* - Louise Candlish  
*The Woman in Cabin 10* - Ruth Ware  
*Watching You* - Lisa Jewell  
*What She Knew* - Gilly Macmillan  
*The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*ck: A Counterintuitive Approach to Living a Good Life* - Mark Manson

### BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY JENNY RIDDLE

*Akin* ~ Emma Donoghue  
*Book of Delights: Essays* ~ Ross Gay  
*Family of Origin* ~ C. J. Hauser  
*The Fiddler in the Subway: The Story of the World-Class Violinist Who Played for Handouts And Other Virtuoso Performances* ~ Gene Weingarten  
*In Pieces* ~ Sally Field  
*Jackie, Janet & Lee: The Secret Lives of Janet Auchincloss And Her Daughters, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Lee Radziwill* ~ J. Randy Taraborrelli  
*The Nickel Boys* ~ Colson Whitehead  
*Semi Colon: The Past, Present, and Future of a Misunderstood Mark* ~ Cecelia Watson

Our Program for April was to be the prize-winning author, Jane Hamilton. Ms Hamilton is the author of several novels, including *A Map of the World* and *The Book of Ruth*, two of the earliest Oprah Book Club selections. Jane Hamilton, a graduate of Oak Park-Lake Forest High School and Carlton College, lives and writes in rural Wisconsin. We will try and reschedule Jane Hamilton for another meeting.

Other Books by Jane Hamilton:

The Excellent Lombards  
Disobedience: A Novel  
The Guardian: A Novel  
When Madeline Was Young